

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN LOREN SOFT**, on January 25, 1999 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Loren Soft, Chairman (R)
Rep. Roy Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Jaelene Racicot, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 111 & HB 275
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 111

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. MARY ANNE GUGGENHEIM, HD 55, introduced the bill. She offer an amendment see **EXHIBIT**(huh19a01). She offered some background information see **EXHIBIT**(huh19a02) REP. GUGGENHEIM handed the committee some testimony by Lori G. Byron, M.D., see **EXHIBIT**(huh19a03). {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 9 - 224}

Proponents' Testimony: John Johnson, Director of Medical Genetics at Shodair Hospital. See **EXHIBIT**(huh19a04) {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 224 - 373}

Craig Sweet, Legislative Director of (MontPRIG) Montana Public Interest Research Group. See **EXHIBIT**(huh19a05) & **EXHIBIT**(huh19a06). {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 373 - 454}

Ken Eden, M.D., Montana Medical Association. Dr. Eden's testimony continued through to {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 12}

Carol Bass, self. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 12 - 70}

John Reynolds, M.D., self. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 70 - 101}

Al Pontrelli, Montana Association of Life Underwriters. Mr. Pontrelli wanted to note for the record Mr. Roger McGleen representing Independent Agents of Montana was in favor of the bill. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 101 - 118}

Katherine Berry, Shodair Hospital. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 118 - 179}

Marty Iming, self. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 179 - 242}

Claudia Clifford, State Auditor's Office. See **EXHIBIT**(huh19a07){Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 242 - 284}

Jim Ahrens, Montana Hospital Association. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 284 - 289}

Mona Jamison, Shodair Hospital. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 289 - 322}

Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 322 - 326}

Susan Whitte, Blue Cross and Blue Shield. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 326 - 347}

Opponents' Testimony: Chris Jankowski, American Council of Life Insurance. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 347 - 515} Mr. Jankowski's testimony continued through to {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 57}

Page Dringman, Health Insurance Association of America. {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 57 - 91}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 91 - 515}

Questioning continued through to {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 190}

Closing By Sponsor: REP. GUGGENHEIM closed. {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 190 - 253}

HEARING ON HB 275

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BEVERLY BARNHART, HD 29, introduced the bill. {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 253 - 305}

Informational Testimony: Mike Hanshew, Department of Public Health and Human Services. See **EXHIBIT**(huh19a08) {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 305 - 381}

Proponents' Testimony:

Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association. {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 382 - 436}

Karen Erdie, Area II Agency on Aging from Roundup. {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 436 - 485}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 485 - 515} Questioning continued from committee members through to {Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 46}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. BARNHART closed. {Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 46 - 49}

REP. SOFT informed the committee on the upcoming hearing and executive action needed to be taken on January 27, 1999. {Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 49 - 63}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:17 P.M.

REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (huh19aad)